

city is all too often lost among other, often selfish, priorities. Continuing his studies to become a school principal, Alfredo considered his work with children in the inner city his calling.

While at UCLA, Alfredo met, fell in love with, and married Virginia Navar. Ms. Navar also studied to become a teacher and is presently on leave from the Los Angeles Unified School District assisting Alfredo with his recovery. Virginia, his supportive family and numerous well-wishers have been the constant hope in Alfredo's recuperation.

Mr. Speaker, on September 22, 1996, several alumni associations from some of California's most prestigious universities have joined forces and will host a special reception to pay tribute to Alfredo Perez for the mobilizing efforts he has inspired and for the dedication he has given to the children of Los Angeles. It is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this exceptional individual for his outstanding service to the children of Los Angeles.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, as America observes National POW/MIA Recognition Day, 1996 it is fitting that we recall the sacrifices made by the brave men and women taken prisoner and who have returned home, as well as those who are listed as missing in action and presumed dead.

Words cannot aptly describe our feeling of gratitude for the dedicated service these courageous Americans have provided for our Nation. However much of our actions pale in comparison to our pride we must always make an effort to remember these heroes.

Just as we commemorate those who fought so selflessly for our country on Veterans Day and pay tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of their country during Memorial Day, so too should we remember America's POW/MIA's. We as a nation must not forget the sacrifices endured by our former prisoners of war and our missing in action.

I call on my colleagues in the House and the Senate, as well as all Americans to honor the service of our former POW's and pray for those Americans still unaccounted for.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID HERMELIN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 24, David Hermelin will receive from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit an award of unusual distinction, the Fred M. Butzel Award for Distinguished Community Service.

David Hermelin is synonymous with community. Community in its fullest and broadest sense. Like few others, his efforts have been as extensive as they have been intensive.

He has been a pillar within the Jewish Community of Metropolitan Detroit. He is President of World ORT Union, a member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Federation, Vice Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and a Director-at-Large of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. He has been a linchpin in a variety of efforts critical to the security and well-being of the State of Israel and to amicable relations between the United States and Israel.

His efforts has touched almost every other aspect of community life in and about Michigan. He has been deeply involved in the health needs of our State, as evidenced by his active work with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital, among others.

He has been instrumental in the flourishing of the arts, highlighted by his key role with the Detroit Symphony and Orchestra Hall, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the new Opera House of the Michigan Opera.

David Hermelin has also been active in the business world. His endeavors have spanned his highly successful insurance business to his role in the development of Palace of Auburn Hills.

While I have been lucky to know David Hermelin personally for many years, I do not know his middle name. Perhaps it is Peripatetic. David Hermelin has set an example for all to emulate, though few, if any, could quite do so.

Amidst all of this whirlwind of activity, David Hermelin has always found time for his beloved family. He and his wife Doreen have never lost sight of a central tenet of their heritage—the family comes first. I join the very large extended family of David Hermelin's friends and admirers in extending heartiest congratulations on his receipt of the Butzel Award.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the Appropriations Committee for the yeoman's job of meeting the numerous funding requests in this tough fiscal environment.

Many of us take for granted and do not recognize the arduous task the committee faces each time they are asked to balance fiscal responsibility with economic development.

I would also like to thank the chairman and the members of the Committee for having the vision to provide the funding for the Alameda Corridor, to support the \$400 million in direct loans as requested by the President through the Federal Highway Administration.

While I am disappointed that unfortunate, unforeseen circumstances caused the Alameda Corridor Project to be removed from this funding bill, I stand assured that this important infrastructure project will be a part of another funding bill later this year.

The Alameda Corridor will provide this country with a fast and efficient gateway to Pacific Rim trade and will bolster our ability to compete in the burgeoning economic area.

Once completed the Alameda Corridor will generate more than 70,000 local jobs and close to 200,000 new jobs nationwide. The expanded trade, created by the construction of the Corridor, through the ports, will create new jobs related to manufacturing, production, and the shipping and trucking of goods.

Today's funding environment requires a strong public-private partnership to finance projects of this nature. With over 75 percent of the cost of the project funded by State and local sources, the Alameda Corridor truly exemplifies the kind of public-private partnership that this Congress has long urged States and localities to pursue for important infrastructure projects.

I would like to thank the members of the California delegation for working together in a bipartisan manner to effectively move the project through this body and to bring to fruition plans and blueprints that were conceived long before many of us were sworn into office.

Let history reflect that the success of the Alameda Corridor is rooted in the bipartisanship that has helped to bring us to this point. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues from both parties and with President Clinton to see the Alameda Corridor through to its completion.

I yield back the balance of my time.